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English Sport.

A former Princetonian, now a Rhodes-ter, B. M. Pierce, writes in a letter to the *Daily Princetonian* as follows:

"One of the great things that England can teach America is play. If we say that we can show the Englishman how to work, he can certainly reply that he can show us how to play. We have turned our play into work, as almost any player on any college eleven will agree. The same spirit of competition that is rampant in the business world is evident in every line of sport. We need a little of the spirit of play. Here in Oxford practically every undergraduate is given a chance to row or play some game. Of course, there are some 'slackers,' but the vast majority of men have some regular and enjoyable form of exercise all the year round. The very word 'slacker' is a term of reproach. How far is this true of an American college? I suppose there is more healthy out-of-door sport at Princeton than at most other colleges, but even there the proportion of those who play all the year round must be a very small one, indeed.

"I would like to give some examples showing the English way of looking at athletics, but space forbids. Suffice it to say that with the possible exception of rowing and track every line of sport is play from the word go. No practices, scarcely any training, and no gladiatorial exhibitions. The other day I went with a friend to see a game between Magdalen and Trinity. We were the only spectators and neither of us was a Magdalen or a Trinity man. Where were the men who should have been 'supporting the team?' They were rowing or playing some game. I would like to see something of that spirit at Princeton. Some may call it 'lack of spirit'; but it is at least debatable whether more victorious teams would not be turned out if every man developed his own physique and latent athletic ability, instead of attending daily practice."

Basket-Ball.

The basket-ball schedule has been presented to the Faculty for approval through the Dean. It will probably be played practically as it stands. Some dates may be changed, and games with Hobart and Union, providing they decide to organize teams, may be added. Two games have been played successfully for practice. The schedule is as follows:

Jan. 10.—St. Lawrence at Clinton.

18.—Syracuse at Syracuse.

24.—Rochester at Rochester.

31.—Rochester at Clinton.

Feb. 2.—Potsdam at Clinton.

5.—Colgate at Hamilton.

12.—Syracuse at Clinton.

23.—Dartmouth at Utica.

26.—Trinity at Hartford.

27.—Wesleyan at Middletown.

28.—Williams at Williamstown.

Mch. 5.—Colgate at Clinton.

This schedule is not as yet official but it will in all probability be passed at the next Faculty meeting.

The two practice games of last week resulted very satisfactorily. Their scores are:

Utica Free Academy	16	Hamilton	90
Waterville Y. M. C. A.	7	"	77
	23		167

This gives us at present 167 points to our opponents' 23, which is a fairly good lead. We are now 144 points ahead.

Dr. Zwemer's Lecture.

An unusually large number of men attended the lecture given by Dr. Zwemer last Monday evening in the Chapel. Dr. Zwemer's talk was brilliant and his explanation of the conditions in Arabia was very instructive. He gave a lucid picture of Moslem life and contrasted it vividly with Christian civilization. The Y. M. C. A. has done good work in getting so many good speakers this year and Dr. Zwemer certainly found great favor with the college body.

Athletic Association Meeting.

A week ago Friday the Advisory Board held its regular meeting. An unusual number of faculty and alumni representatives were present and the entire undergraduate body. The Board adopted an important resolution on the nomination of officers to the College, namely, that the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be nominated to the Association, save when one man received a two-thirds vote. It is hoped that this mode of procedure will lessen chances for political combinations and throw more responsibility and freedom of choice back upon the College body, where it ultimately belongs.

It was decided to authorize the expenditure of eighty dollars for the purchase of sweaters for the 'Varsity football men, and of caps for the scrub. The football manager announced that Mr. Watson could not be secured as coach for the coming season, and the Board authorized him to offer five hundred dollars to get a competent man for the position. The manager's tentative list of games was approved, with the exception of Hobart, the Board reaffirming its position of last year against playing that institution.

The following ticket was nominated to the Athletic Association: President, Dr. F. H. Wood; vice-president, Prof. Henry White; secretary, Earl Clark, '07, G. C. Clark, '07; treasurer, Prof. F. M. Davenport; Sophomore representative, H. K. Holley; Freshman representative, H. Getman; football manager, R. B. Jerome, '07; assistant manager, W. M. Pratt, '08, W. K. Lyon, '08; N. Y. S. I. A. U. representatives: faculty, Dr. W. H. Squires; alumnus, H. J. Cookinham, '06; undergraduate, R. M. Scoon, '07; alumni representatives, President M. W. Stryker, '72, Dr. H. C. G. Brandt, '72, G. E. Dunham, '79, Clinton Scollard, '81, F. M. Calder, '86, Spencer Kellogg, '88, Joseph Rudd, '91, C. B. Rogers, Prof. A.

P. Saunders, Prof. T. F. Nichols, R. C. S. Drummond, '01, R. U. Sherman, '05.

The regular annual meeting and election of the Athletic Association was held in the Chapel Saturday noon. The nominations of the Advisory Board were accepted, Earl Clark, '07, being elected secretary and W. M. Pratt, '08, assistant manager of football. Immediately after the Athletic Association adjourned, a College meeting was held, at which it was decided to petition the Faculty for three weeks vacation at Christmas and one at Easter, instead of the present arrangement of two weeks each. Since then the petition has been presented and the Faculty has refused to make any change in the College schedule.

The N. Y. U. Conference.

The advocates of intercollegiate football won a victory at the conference of 13 colleges and universities called by Chancellor McCracken of the University of New York. An amended resolution declaring that the game should not be abolished, but, rather, should be reformed, was carried by a vote of 15 to 8.

Chancellor MacCracken of New York University introduced a resolution declaring that football should be abolished, but an amendment to merely reform the game was offered by Lieutenant-Colonel Robert L. Howze, of West Point, and carried: The vote follows:

Ayes—Wesleyan 2, Rutgers 2, Haverford 2, Swarthmore 2, Syracuse 2, Rochester 1, West Point 2, Fordham 2. Total—15.

Noes—Stevens 1, Columbia 2, Union 2, Rochester 1, New York University 2. Total—8.

A committee composed of representatives of Columbia, West Point and New York University, was appointed to draw up a plan of reform and submitted three different propositions, which the conference finally merged into the following and adopted by a large majority:

"Resolved, That this conference favors the appointment of a Rules Committee to govern football, to be appointed by these institutions annually, and to be responsible to the appointing bodies.

"Resolved, That an invitation be sent to the colleges and universities that are active in football to appoint annually delegates, one from each institution, who shall elect each year a committee of 11 members, to formulate rules for the government of the game.

"Resolved, That no one shall be eli-

gible as a delegate to the conference who has received compensation by reason of his connection with athletics, whether as a player, coach, umpire, referee, director, committeeman or in any other capacity, except a member of a faculty of a college and regularly enrolled in the catalog."

The delegates to the conference are invited to meet in New York, December 28.

It was ordered that the Rules Committee be requested to make such change as would lessen the danger to players and make certain the detection of a foul and brutal play.

The conference also suggested that football between school boy teams should be prevented by the educational authorities, owing to the immaturity of the players.

Hamilton, though entirely in sympathy with the spirit of the conference, expressed herself as being unable at this time to send a faculty representative to the meeting. The resolutions adopted show that hasty or radical action is not to be feared.

Gym. Statistics of 1909.

"Uncle" has completed the physical examinations of the Freshman class. While there are no men in the class who can break college records, "Uncle" says, that there are many who, with proper training and exercise, will show up well in a year or so. The average age of the class is 18 years 5 months, average height is 5 feet 8.3 inches, average weight is 136 pounds. Heaviest man is Moore, weighing 163 pounds; lightest, Saunders, weighing 109 pounds; tallest, Blodgett, height, 6 feet 1.5 inches; shortest, Griffin, height, 5 feet 4.3 inches. H. C. Evans has the record for most dips, doing 12. Moore, the most pull-ups, doing 11. Felt, the lung strength, having 360 grams strength. Kneeland has 340 cubic inches lung capacity. Blodgett holds both the arm stretch, 78 inches, and grips, 57 kilos. H. P. Osborn has the record for lift, lifting 310 kilos. Rifenbark has the largest chest expansion, expanding 5 inches. Twelve are learning to swim.

A series of inter-dormitory bumping races, similar to those rowed at Oxford and Cambridge, have been instituted at Harvard to arouse a more general interest in the sport. The first race was rowed Monday, November 13.

Hamilton 77, Waterville 7.

Last Saturday afternoon the 'Varsity defeated Waterville Y. M. C. A. by the score of 77 to 7. The size of the score was the only interesting phase of the game. The Waterville team showed some team work but it did not avail against the vigorous blocking and clever passing of the 'Varsity. Moore threw the first basket, and from that time on the scorer was kept busy registering the goals.

Through the clever blocking of Kuolt Sicard had a number of chances for baskets and he availed himself thoroughly of his opportunities. His score of 14 baskets excels the record of 13 made by Bramley in the U. F. A. game.

The passing was much faster than in Wednesday's game and there was no tendency to play an individual game. The team work and sure playing are two features very noticeable in this year's Five. Kuolt is somewhat weak in basket throwing but he will doubtless remedy this fault before long. His blocking is good and the same may be said of Sherman. He saves many a basket by his fearless way of getting after the ball.

Moore's playing was an improvement. He threw baskets with ease and outplayed his man at center every time.

Bramley is the best all-around man and seems to have even improved over his last year's form. The substitutes all played well and the great amount of material is very encouraging.

Following is the line-up:

Hamilton 77.	Waterville 7
Center.	
Moore, Wilson, Roenke.	Gettman
Right Forward.	
Kuolt, E. Clark.	Blan
Left Forward	
Sicard, Weekes, Meeker.	Williams
Right Guard.	
Bramley, Osborn.	Curran
Left Guard.	
Sherman.	Wunsch
Baskets—Sicard 14, Moore 9, Kuolt 3, Bramley 8, Sherman 3, Wilson 1, Blan 1, Wunsch 1. Fouls—Sherman 2, Gettman 3.	
Referee, Gordon '07. Umpire, Finnegan.	
Time of halves—20 minutes.	

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AN UNINTENTIONAL OVERSIGHT on the part of the Editor was responsible for the omission of the name of Thomas, '09, from the list of those who have done good work on the scrub. Thomas played a hard, gritty, consistent game at tackle and guard throughout the season and deserves all the credit given to the loyal and self-sacrificing members of the scrub.

A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR must have belonged to the man or men who displaced the hymn books in the Chapel. No one objects to a really good joke and almost everyone is willing to stand some financial drain that the College may enjoy itself. But such puerile wit as that which hid the hymn books under a rear seat is unusual even in a college man. One place that ought to be decently treated is the Chapel. But what fun it must have been to hide those volumes. What thrills of excitement must have crept around the jokester's spine. But alas, being unable to appreciate, we are happy to be able to condemn.

HERETOFORE THE COLLEGE BODY has shown its approval or disapproval of matters which pertain to undergraduates. In the case of the books taken from the Chapel, regret and disgust was generally expressed. But how about the

matter of snowballing windows? Ought not the College body to take some action in this matter? Within the last few days about twenty windows in Carnegie and nearly as many in North have been broken out by undergraduates who have not got over the childish pleasure of hearing something break. Nor ought the censure be given to the Freshmen, but to the Sophomores who have been here long enough to lay aside Prep. school manners. It is not as much a question of expense as of principle. Deliberate breaking of college windows shows as great disrespect for the men who have given the buildings as does the placing of pigs and other animals in the different buildings. Moreover it requires a great deal of courage to send a snowball through a window, and the practice, no doubt, tends to make men of those doing it, especially since they are free from all danger of punishments or fines. No doubt the damage was done in a spirit of fun, but if other amusement than the destruction of property cannot be found, then it is about time to put on a long face and give up the ghost.

The psychological aspect of this form of sport is interesting and may be stated somewhat as follows: The irresistible desire to smash something asserts itself occasionally in the highest developed society. It is a tendency from which man seems unable to free himself. The child, in the earliest stage of his social development, takes an incredible delight in breaking his mother's glasses, the young boy experiences great joy in throwing stones through the grocery store windows. The same trait is observable among men, so the college man spends his spare time knocking windows out of the dormitories. It is an excellent custom and fine exercise. Nobody wants it to cease, except, possibly, deRegt. As to the cost of such sport, it is hardly worth considering. When divided among two hundred men nobody will be burdened. The child must be amused. There is no better way.

THE FOOTBALL SWEATERS have aroused much controversy. The team to a man ordered white sweaters, some without any H and some with a blue H of varied dimensions. The players claim that white sweaters were bought last year and that precedent gives them the right to wear them. The general plea is that white sweaters are better looking

and that the money was appropriated to reward the football players. On this basis they argue that they should have what they want.

The general question is a serious one and should be settled now, once for all. We believe, though we may be wrong, that the sweaters to be purchased were understood to be the regular buff-and-blue football sweater, either heavy or V-necked. The argument that the team ought to have what they want is rather puncturable, for on that understanding the management might buy anything from a pair of dancing pumps to an opera hat. As a matter of fact the constitution sanctions in no way a sweater with a blue H. Right here, however, the constitution is defective in that it provides for a buff H but does not mention what the background shall be. The understanding has always been that the sweaters shall be blue with buff letters, but the by-law is not explicit.

The wearing of the H has of late years become involved. Half a dozen men are wearing letters to which they have no right. A football man has no right to a basket-ball H, and vice versa. The baseball suits are white and bear a blue basket-ball H, which is twice illegal. The track suits, though bearing a band of blue and buff, have a blue H, which is illegal. And now the football men all want sweaters which are not in the College colors.

Either we should abide by the law or else the law should be changed. The letters on the baseball suits should be made regulation, and blue and buff jerseys should be worn to show the College colors. No man should wear an H to which he is not entitled. The rule should be explicit and the wearers of the H should abide by it.

We hardly like to say that the colors are not good enough to be worn, but it looks like it. A rule permitting the wearing of other than College colors is dodging the issue. We hope no one wants to change the College colors. At any rate the Athletic Association certainly should not buy sweaters not in accordance with constitutional rulings. It is also to be hoped that the Advisory Board will not appropriate a cent for general haberdashery. The question is shall we live up to our rules or shall they be changed to suit the aesthetic whim of every college generation. Our present custom is flagrantly unconstitutional. Shall we change our attire or our constitution? This is the time to decide.

The Job Lots Fail to Win.

The rejuvenated Job Lots played Clinton High School at basket-ball a week ago Friday and, strange to say, they lost. Their failure is perhaps to be attributed to the absence of some of the old stars of the organization. "Diddle" Stryker, last year's captain, "Bill" Purdy, the crack forward, "Peanut" Bennett, the rotund wonder, were all unable to play, and "Pneumatic" Bloyer, last season's rapid-fire basket shooter and non-puncturable bouncing vaudeville gymnast, was so banged up by a spill on the Psi U turn that he was unable to do anything but referee, which he did to the immense dissatisfaction of the side lines. "Rube" Maynard, who achieved glory by his clever, crab-like runs on the Job Lot Football Team, was in his old form again and played a good game from the Clinton point of view. "Buster Brown" Benedict was played under protest from the manager of the hall. The manager feared for his furniture if "Benny" got rough-housing, and wanted to put him off the floor several times. "Dutch" Kuolt represented the Varsity, and rottenly. "Jim" Carroll and the other stars, whom we do the favor not to mention, shone lustrously. The score was something like 14 to 12, but that's unimportant.

The 1907 Hamiltonian.

The *Hamiltonian* Board has decided to dedicate the annual to Prof. F. M. Davenport. This is sufficient index of "Davy's" popularity with the undergraduates and with the alumni.

Owing to the failure of the College to generously support the publication for the last few years, the Board has wisely taken measures of retrenchment and economy. To this end the price of the *Hamiltonian* will be one dollar and a half, instead of one dollar as heretofore. The issue will also be reduced from five hundred bound copies to about three hundred and fifty. These measures will doubtless keep any deficit below the hundred dollar limit set by the class. The Board is working hard and intelligently to get out a book that will surpass any previous effort. Especial attention will be given to the press work and art department. If the present Board can profit by the mistakes of the past sufficiently to put the *Hamiltonian* on a paying basis again, it will deserve a great deal of praise.

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College Notes.

—Tennant, '04, was back for a few days' visit last week.

—Mr. John M. Holley, '66, visited his sons, of '08, this week.

—There is a flourishing chapter of Kappa Beta Phi in College.

—"Scurf Posters" are a thing of the past. May they rest uneasily.

—Glee and Musical Club rehearsals have been stopped until next term.

—J. S. Allen, ex-'07, will probably re-enter college next fall in the class of '08.

—"Square" lectured to the Freshmen on "Scholarship Marking" on Thursday.

—There will be another issue of the *Lit.* this term. It will appear next week or later.

—Only two weeks this vacation. Pretty hard on the fellows who live in the West.

—The second story of New South has made considerable progress during the past week.

—The Yale Glee Club will give an entertainment at the Majestic Thursday evening.

—Madame Kelly has everything coming her way now. Review week invariably causes an increased consumption of oil.

—The Chapel hopes to have a chance to hear Sicard's "farewell" again. It will bear repetition.

—Several men intend to be present at the "Charity play" to be given tonight at the Balliol School.

—"Jack" Huntington is reported as saying that he expects to flunk German and Greek. Poor Jack.

—Since the rail has been placed around the Psi U. curve there have been no fatalities at that point.

—The "Bridge craze" seems to have struck Hamilton, and there is some talk of forming a club next term.

—Stevens, '90, who is now superintendent of High Schools in New York City, was on the Hill Thursday.

—"Schnitzie" informed his German class that the grammar work would be limited to that covered this term.

—On account of the approaching cold weather "Art" Coupe has discarded his skull cap for a Mexican sombrero.

—A new candidate for the sorority has appeared. Guess who it is. All guesses answered in next week's *LIFE*.

—It's funny to watch some of the fellows studiously avoiding every unfamiliar figure seen on the Hill. It's fierce to be in debt.

—The Central New York Hamilton Alumni Association will hold their reunion in Syracuse on Dec. 28th. All are invited.

—Most of the Sophomores who elected Applied Trig. as a cinch, have decided to drop it. They had not planned upon tipping "Nick."

—The shoe men have been doing a rushing business in cleating shoes this week. One had to have the best to navigate the Hill successfully.

—Clay pigeons are not "in it" with glass windows. It is no longer possible to find refuge from the snowy darts of your enemy, even in your own room.

—Basket-ball practice is over for the term. Coach Watson will be on hand at the beginning of next term and practice will be taken up in earnest then.

—The Hill has gone from bad to worse this week. There's no coasting whatever below the Arbor. It remains pretty fast on the upper part, however.

—"Wardie," either from compunctions of conscience or through magnanimity of spirit, has decided not to overcut any of the Sophomores for their tardiness last week.

—"Dribble's" pantomime of a prize fight was enthusiastically received by the Sophomore Greek class. They say he's going to pose for the kinetograph.

—Let us pray that the lights in Carnegie won't go back on us now! We don't all want to come back a day early "to get our rooms straightened around."

—The Freshmen continue their wild efforts at steering, to the peril of all who ride with them. One even had the good luck to go into the ditch right in front of "Prexy's."

—In spite of the well-heated condition of the bath room in the Gym., practice for the hockey team has begun on the plunge already. Let all who can skate, come out.

—Another old clothes man invaded the College on Tuesday. As he was considerably taller and heavier than "Pop" Westcott, the "bucket brigade" did not show itself.

—In spite of earnest and almost tearful protests on the part of the Sophomores, "Uncle John" held his "Gym." class last Thursday. Any flunks in "math" are to be attributed to that last hour.

—Although in the midst of reviews, a large part of the College attended Dr. Zwemer's lecture upon Mohammedanism. Dr. Zwemer is an able speaker and certainly an authority upon this subject.

—In a Syracuse paper an article appeared recently, saying that the Advisory Board of St. Lawrence University had voted to cancel their basket-ball game here on the 10th of January. That's news to us.

—The Freshmen are now consumed with anxiety over their term essays. They have been heard to inquire anxiously if "they must be typewritten," and "would it be all right to tie mine with blue and buff ribbon?"

—We are patiently waiting for the promised electric lights in the Y. M. C. A. After that we hope for some lights on the Campus and the walk below, and then just a few lights of some description in the halls of old North.

—The Freshmen voted to abolish scurf-posters. Although this custom costs considerable money, we are nevertheless sorry to see it go. We need such customs to keep up class spirit. The class of 1909 especially needs jagg-ing up in this particular.

—It's all very funny to grab a handful of snow and let it drive through someone's window, but it wouldn't do any harm to remember that the other fellow has to pay for it. If you want to smash windows, smash your own.

—We note among the items in the *Balliol Rushlight* an occasional mention of the College and its activities. The passing of Houghton seems to have shifted our affection to Balliol—and why not. Casual indifference is bad for the temper but feminine society is necessary for the happiness of the college man. Well, we musn't get going; we've probably put our foot in it already.

—The Seniors attended their last noon chapel last Saturday. After compelling the Sophomores and Juniors to run the gauntlet, the grave body marched around the Chapel under the leadership of "Titus" and with a yell for "Hank" took their seats. "Nell" brought the past before us like a dream. Lloyd Stryker enacted an oration upon the "Value of Friends" amid showers of copper bouquets. Sicard gave the valedictory. After he had expressed to "Heine" in behalf of the class their thanks for his services and their regret that they would never appear upon the Chapel stage, "Heine" told them that they need have no regrets at present, as he was not yet through with all of them.

The December Lit.

The December *Lit.* will appear some time next week. All in all, it is one of the best issues that has appeared in some time. The College Directory is corrected and this improvement alone means much. The opening poem, "The Road to Mecca," has "something the matter of it," we don't know just what. It is an attempt without meter and with heterogeneous rime. Some of the lines are good. Kinney's "Premonition" is a rather weakly sentimental verse. Baum's poem, "To a Friend," is one of the cleverest things in its way that the *Lit.* has printed in a long time.

Two orations appear, one by Purdy, the other by Stryker. Both have been allowed to pass as Chapel orations so they must be good. Osborne, '09, has a fair story, "VanBrunt's Christmas," but of the conventional type. Peck gives us another French Canadian—or some such dialect—idyl, "Christmas at Grand Lac." We feel grateful to Simmons for abandoning his laboratory and labored

alchemy. This month his story, "An Overcut in Ethics," is good—the best he has ever shown us in the *Lit.* Woolcott's "The Hearth and the Cloister," is a very promising story. It is clever, finished, and interesting. "Criticus" talks about two-edged hypocrisy and other metaphysical things. The Editorials and Alumniana are about the same.

Among the Colleges.

The Freshman class of Harvard this year numbers 713.

Every class at Harvard has a mandolin club, and the University Mandolin Club is composed of the best men from the class clubs.

Brown University will be one of the 25 colleges to receive \$10,000 from the estate of the late P. S. Bennett of New York. The colleges were to be selected by W. J. Bryan.

A movement is on foot to have the body of William Penn brought from England and buried in the University of Pennsylvania Campus.

Mark Hopkins, fourth president of Williams College, received the second highest number of votes among educators in the last election for positions in the Hall of Fame of New York University.

Harvard and Princeton have chosen as a subject for their annual intercollegiate debate, which takes place at Cambridge, December 15, and of which Princeton has choice of sides, "Resolved, that intercollegiate football in America is detrimental rather than a credit."

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., was the first of the Freshmen of Harvard to be laid out in playing football this year. A swift play came towards him as he was playing end and he dove into the scrimmage, receiving a cut over the eye which looked very serious for some time.

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